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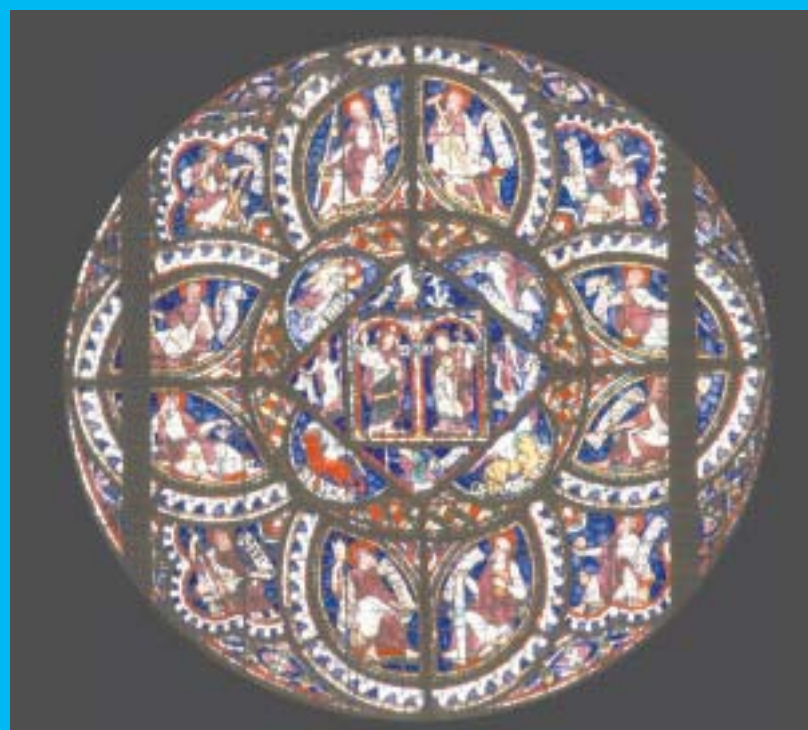


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■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

CHRONIC allotment shortages could soon be at an end thanks to a plan for the biggest expansion since the Second World War.

Earlier this year Yourcanterbury reported a five-year wait for a plot in the coastal towns, with 1,000 people on waiting lists in the district.

But the council's first ever allotment strategy could end this problem, with more than 150 new plots planned for 2011. With about 750 plots in the area currently this would increase the amount of allotments by 20 per cent.

Ian Cameron-Fleming, who co-drafted the report, said: "There is a huge demand for allotments nationally. On a local level, we do need to find quite a lot more allotment land."

"We are looking for new sites and we are working hard to make sure this is done as soon as possible."

"We do already have options in Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay. We are confident we will reach these outcomes."

The strategy also outlines plans for encouraging bio-diversity on allotment sites, provision for green waste recycling and composting and a plan to allow allotment holders with heritage crops to become involved with the Millennium seed bank in Kew.

This is only the first draft of the allotment strategy and Mr Cameron-Fleming has said targets are only provisional, but the idea has been welcomed by the Green Party.

Geoff Meaden, chair of the Canterbury Green Party, said: "This is a brilliant idea."

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Global flavour as university opens doors

■ BY NICK AMES

CANTERBURY welcomed a new educational campus on Saturday as The American University was formally opened.

A ribbon was cut by the President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Mehmet Ali Talat, his representative in London and the Turkish Ambassador to the UK at the event which was also attended by the Lord Mayor of Canterbury, Dr Harry Cragg.

The university, founded in 1985 with the motto Live Through Learning, has its main campus in Girne, Cyprus, and another in Singapore.

It also jointly runs centres in India, Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan and South Dakota and Virginia in the USA.

The new centre is currently under evaluation from the British educational authorities, but staff are confident its courses and disciplines will be accepted from next month.

At present the faculty is mainly taking in students from Cyprus, but a ratification from the educational establishment would allow the centre to run valid degree courses open to all.

President Talat said he was proud that members of the Turkish Cypriot community had set up a branch of their university in Canterbury.

He said: "Canterbury is a true university town and it is famous throughout the world. I am sure that this collaboration will be beneficial both for the university and the city.

"It is a way of broadening the horizons both of the students who will attend courses here and the people in the city who will work alongside."

News crews from both Turkey and the Turkish part of Cyprus recorded



INTERVIEW: President Mehmet Ali Talat talks to the media at the faculty opening

the President's words as he called for greater understanding and friendship between the Greek and Turkish parts of Cyprus.

Members of staff at both University of Kent and Christchurch University welcomed the university.

Cllr Cragg said: "We have a great tradition of welcoming students to Canterbury and this will further improve our international relations."

Dr Shel Hulac, Director of International Operations for the university, said it was the strength and efficiency of the UK's communication's networks which led to the choice of Britain as a centre.

The university will specialise in all aspects of business studies and anyone can apply to become a student.

Dr Hulac said: "We are called the American University because we model our educational techniques on those of the USA and respect the openness of opportunity offered under that system."

Mulled wine was enjoyed during the ceremony and President Talat called for the audience to hang messages of peace to the world on the university's Christmas tree.

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Council denies trying to manipulate figures

THE council has denied it was seeking to fiddle its disability figures in a report on whether targets had been met.

The Scrutiny Sub Committee report seemed to imply that, as the percentage of disabled people working in the council was less than in the general population, the council would try to get more employees to register themselves as disabled.

It said: "3.6 per cent of the district were registered as disabled, however only 2.22 per cent of council employees were disabled.

"It was not possible to positively discriminate against those that were disabled. More work would be carried out on identifying those staff that had not declared that they had a disability."

But a council spokesman denied this was council policy, and said the council was only trying to identify people who are disabled, but may not have declared themselves as such.

He said such employees might be inadvertently disadvantaged by the council if it did not know they were disabled, and that the council was simply trying to make sure they have all the help they need.

Teenage crash victim 'stable' in hospital

A TEENAGER who was fighting for her life after being hit by a car is now in a stable condition.

The 16-year-old girl was walking near the junction between Sturry Road and Starle Close when she was hit by a car driven by a young Canterbury man.

The 24-year-old, who was not injured, was driving a red Rover which hit the girl at 8.20pm on Tuesday, December 1.

The victim was taken to the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital with serious head and back injuries.

The Sturry Road was closed until 1am on Wednesday, December 1 to allow the police's Serious Collision Investigation Unit to inspect the scene.

The police urge witnesses to contact DC David Jeeves on 01622 798 538.

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Re-trial for squaddie involved in GBH case

Jury failed to reach a verdict

■ BY IAN READ

A JURY has failed to agree whether Afghan war veteran Sergeant Andrew Johnston broke an amateur boxer's leg in a brawl.

Sgt Johnston had just returned from a gruelling tour in Helmand province with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders when he went drinking in Canterbury.

But he was charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on Darren Levitt who still can't walk properly following the injuries he sustained on December 4 last year.

Sgt Johnston, 29, denied the charge at Canterbury Crown Court.

He told the jury he had been drinking with Private Peter McQuade when two men brushed past them in the underpass and insults were exchanged.

The NCO, now responsible for discipline in his battalion, turned to confront Mr Levitt, who had been drinking with his student brother Matthew.

The boxer aimed a punch at him but Johnston sidestepped and landed a blow on his chin.



SCENE OF INJURY: Underpass where visiting amateur boxer Darren Levitt was left with "appalling" injuries to his leg

It was then McQuade, 26, got involved, punching Mr Levitt and then jumping on his right leg.

Ian Foinette, prosecuting, said: "Mr Levitt went to the ground with appalling injuries. Mr McQuade was seen jumping on his leg. Bone was sticking out and his toes were facing in the wrong direction. Subsequently a rod was put into his leg which will be with him for life."

"Matthew remembers seeing the men smashing his head against a wall. He saw both men punching him."

"Then he heard one say 'You don't f*ck with squaddies pal!'"

Sgt Johnston told the court as soon as he saw what was happening he dragged McQuade off the semi-conscious boxer.

Badly injured Mr Levitt was crying in pain but McQuade kept stamping on him.

Johnson said: "I told him to get off. I grabbed him again. The boy was screaming in pain. The only time I hit him was when I thought he was going to hit me. I did not inflict any of the injuries to his leg."

Sgt Johnston and McQuade fought together in Afghanistan where the battalion took several casualties.

The father of three has also served in Iraq, Kosovo and Northern Ireland and was described as being calm under fire.

McQuade has admitted grievous bodily harm.

The battalion was due to get the freedom of the City of Canterbury two days after the assault.

The jury took nearly nine hours before deciding it could not give a verdict.

A fresh trial has been ordered for February.

Raupine family to identify the body

THE family of the woman found strangled to death in a Wincheap bedsit two weeks ago are expected to fly in from Lithuania this week.

The body of Loreta Raupiene was found hours after her former boyfriend Tomas Uptas was shot by police at the Morrisons supermarket in Wincheap on November 27.

They had lived together in the Ambassador Guest House in Victoria Road.

But police have not confirmed that Ms Raupiene is the dead woman and have waited for formal identification from the family who they have arranged to fly to Britain.

Uptas, 34, also from Lithuania appeared before Canterbury magistrates last week.

The accused appeared with his right arm in a sling, the result of a shooting incident at Morrisons, Wincheap store.

He is accused of murder and with possession of fake firearm. He will appear at Maidstone Crown Court on December 21.

Police hunt pole-wielding robbers

POLE-brandishing robbers stole thousands of pounds worth of jewellery from a Whitstable shop last week.

Two men with hidden faces went into Sundin Jewellers on the High Street at 4.45pm on Friday and threatened staff with their makeshift weapons.

They forced workers to hand over a large amount of jewellery before making their getaway in a red Toyota Carina car.

The car was later found abandoned and on fire at Lamberhurst Farm in Dargate. Anyone with information can call 01843 222 089 or anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Six arrested after car vandalism

SIX people have been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage and possessing offensive weapons.

Three men and three women from London and Canterbury, all in their late teens and early twenties, were arrested after a car's windows were smashed and tyres were slashed in Old Park Court near the Sturry Road on Sunday night.

Police are investigating a possible link with a bottle attack on a man the previous night. A man, aged 20, is due before magistrates on Tuesday, January 12.

Luke Brocklebank and Andrew Wilbey were stabbed in the area earlier in the year.

Allotments plan

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"This expansion is something the Green Party has been advocating for ages. We would be 100 per cent behind this."

"In the future I can only see allotments becoming more popular, because everybody is trying to get better quality food and there is also the physical exercise element. People love working outdoors and producing something of their own."

"In a sense it becomes a rejection of the supermarkets who are supplying mass-produced food."

Scrine questions the homeless head count in Canterbury

HOMELESS charities in the city have clashed over the actual number of rough sleepers.

Homelessness charity Porchlight conducted a head count of rough sleepers in the area and said it found just three people living on the streets and evidence of four more.

Yet Terry Gore, who works for the Scrine Foundation, another charity to help the homeless disagrees saying the total is higher – and appears to be rising. It conducted its last rough sleeper count in October.

He said: "We did an unofficial count and found nine rough sleepers and three people staying in a squat."

"We have had the official count and now Canterbury police want to do another because they are finding large numbers of rough sleepers c."

Mr Gore says in the one week in which the Scrine's day centre has been reopened, 10 people he knows live on the streets permanently, have visited as well as more who sleep rough some of the time.



HELP: Scrine day centre for homeless

estimate, there are 25 to 30 people sleeping rough in and around Canterbury, at least. And it could quite possibly be more."

Dennis Evans, Scrine's vice chairman to the board of trustees, said he has anecdotal evidence of 20 people sleeping on or near the Wincheap industrial estate.

Mr Gore, who slept rough in London for four years, says part of the reason there is a discrepancy in figures is because of criteria governing who can officially be counted is strict.

For example someone who is sitting up rather than lying down cannot be counted, which may be why government statistics only count 464 people sleeping rough in England.

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MP Brazier wins appeal on expenses repayment

MP JULIAN Brazier will not have to repay any money as a result of the Government expenses debacle.

Auditor Sir Thomas Legg wrote to Mr Brazier on November 30 saying that he has accepted Mr Brazier's appeal against expenses Mr Brazier was asked to repay.

The MP was initially asked to pay back more than £3,000 for charging Travellers' Club membership and a short hotel stay on expenses. Mr Brazier has always maintained these claims were either necessary or saved the taxpayer money.

British Christmas trees on sale at animal park

FAMILIES are being urged to give something back to nature when buying their Christmas trees this year.

The Wildwood Trust in Canterbury is urging households to buy trees grown at the park, to help cut carbon emissions and fund the conservation of rare species.

Buyers can reserve trees by calling 01227 712111, visiting the park or ordering online from wildwoodtrust.org.

Flats set for approval in spite of neighbours' fears

A BLOCK of flats is likely to be granted planning permission in Canterbury despite numerous objections from neighbours.

Nine flats are planned for St Andrew's Close near Canterbury East station, near where many new flats have been built.

But 18 neighbours have complained they will be disturbed while the new building is constructed, and there is not enough parking for people who would live there.

The final decision will come this week, but council officers have noted that a nearly identical office building had previously been approved for this site.

Festive fun for families at museum craft sessions

THE whole family can enjoy Christmas fun at the Whitstable Museum this weekend.

Parents and children can craft their own miniature tree and make presents and decorations, all from re-used materials.

The event runs from 10am to 12.30pm on Saturday, December 12.

Plan to cut carbon emissions on hold

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

A PLAN to slash council carbon emissions has been buried, according to opposition members.

Councillor Nick Eden-Green proposed the council signs up to the 10:10 initiative, where signatories pledge to cut their emissions by 10 per cent during 2010, at a meeting on November 26.

Two days earlier shadow chancellor George Osborne said if the Conservative Party won the general election, it would apply the 10:10 plan to all central government departments.

Liberal Democrat leader Alex Perkins said: "We bought this forward assuming it would not be controversial, only to find instruction had been given that it be buried."

"As the Conservatives announced this was their national policy we couldn't imagine why it couldn't just be agreed."

"We are beyond disappointed at this. We are gutted, we are devastated."

Almost 50,000 individuals, hundreds of schools, organisations and businesses have already agreed to make the cuts.

The motion could have been debated during the meeting, but a decision has delayed as the idea has been referred for a report.

The plan will now have to go through a number of committees and the decision could only be made in January or February.



Councillor Eden-Green suggested the measures could save a significant amount of money.

He said: "More than 80 councils in England have already signed up and I had hoped Canterbury would join them."

"Now it will be a month or so before this hits the light of day, by which time we will be well into 2010 and the council will have lost the initiative. With rising energy costs, surely it would be better for the council to save money on its fuel bills than to close museums and public lavatories?"

But the council's leader John Gilbey has said the plan may be unfeasible.

He said: "I don't know much about this idea. To be honest I'm not sure that is even possible."

"We are cutting our carbon footprint all the time, so whether we can say whether we will do it exactly during 2010 I don't know until I see the report that comes from the officers."

"We like to know what we are agreeing to. We are not delaying, we just want to get the report that we need to tell us what is involved, what the costs are and then we will make the decision."

I have got nothing against it in principle. Our environment policy will come out imminently and that will have specific targets."



Shake Shed's warm gesture keeps elderly wrapped up

CHARITY efforts at Shake Shed in Canterbury have helped bring early Christmas cheer to the city's pensioners.

The week-long charity exchange in November encouraged customers to swap warm winter clothes such as hats, scarves and gloves for free hot chocolate.

Jenna Newham from Shake Shed said: "Our hot chocolate

charity initiative was a huge success thanks to all our customers who donated their woollies."

"We received over 90 woollies which we donated to Age Concern along with hot chocolate for all the elderly."

"It was a fantastic afternoon. We wanted to help keep Canterbury's grans and granddads keep warm this winter."

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THROWN OUT: Clive Rundle was evicted from his flat in Pardoner Close after he refused to let workmen in

Mentally-ill man evicted from his home of 16 years

A MENTALLY-ill man has been evicted from his home despite having a heart attack just three weeks before.

Clive Rundle, a paranoid schizophrenic with a number of health problems, had been living in his privately-rented flat at Pardoner Close in Canterbury for more than 16 years.

But after being sectioned and taken into hospital on a number of occasions, sometimes for up to a year at a time, he was unable to keep up with his rent.

The 44 year old said he was evicted because he would not allow workmen into his flat to replace his window frames.

Mr Rundle said: "I'm affected mentally and physically with my health at the moment by all this.

"I ended up accumulating arrears when I was in hospital, and they wouldn't let me leave the ward to sort out my housing benefits.

"I've fallen out of the system. They couldn't care a monkey's nuts about me."

And Mr Rundle has said he was only given 20 minutes to come back and pick up his belongings.

He said: "There is thousands of pounds worth of gear in there.

"I hoarded all sorts of stuff over the years. It is part of my illness my doctors said. I was

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

told that if I didn't get out and hand the keys back within 20 minutes the police would be called out."

Mr Rundle is temporarily living with his brother Geoff in Canterbury. Geoff Rundle said: "His rights have been breached. Something needs to be said. He is paranoid and he couldn't cope with workmen.

"If people like Clive can't be looked after in institutions they should be looked after in the community and they are not fulfilling that. I think there is a lapse of care here."

A spokesman for CDS Co-operatives said: "Mr Rundle was evicted following his refusal to remedy a breach of tenancy.

"We attempted all routes to resolve this matter, but due to Mr Rundle's persistent refusal to co-operate, a possession order was obtained through the county court.

"Mr Rundle's social worker was kept informed of the situation, and the co-operative postponed the first eviction in order to allow Mr Rundle further time to apply for rehousing through Canterbury council."

Mr Rundle was evicted from his flat on Thursday, November 19.

He has been classed as homeless by the council and has been offered a flat in Swalecliffe.

Scouts launch appeal for new floor

SCOUTS in Whitstable have launched an appeal to get a new floor in their headquarters.

The 1st Whitstable Scout Group, which celebrated its 100th birthday earlier in the year, says it needs the work to be done before their building becomes unusable.

They have been using the same Acton Road address since 1924. The original floor will cost more than £30,000 to repair, which the Scouts say is well beyond their financial means.

The registered charity has asked former members, locals and businesses to donate to their appeal, and is also looking for free practical advice and help.

To make a donation send a cheque payable to 1st Whitstable Scout Group Floor Appeal to Floor Appeal c/o 12 Linnet Avenue, Whitstable, CT5 4TN.



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Your own bit of cathedral

BUYING your own piece of the Cathedral is the newest way to raise money to save the historic structure.

The Cathedral Appeal is allowing members of the public to sponsor a piece of its beautiful south oculus window for £10.

The campaign is online so people can choose their portion and see messages left by other buyers. Graham Scarfe, who bought tile 977, said: "The Cathedral has been an inspiration to our family all the time we have lived and been to the school in its shadow."

So far nearly 300 fragments of the window have been bought.

Organisers hope this project will raise £13,000 towards the £500,000 cost of conserving the window.

To sponsor a piece of the window go to www.savecanterburycathedral.com and follow the links. To sponsor a lead tile or a stone call 01227 865 346.

Homes plan on agenda

A PLAN for more than 70 homes in the middle of Herne Bay is likely to be approved.

Sheltered housing for 55 people over 60, 16 units of affordable housing and dwellings for the complex's manager are planned for the site between Sea Street and Minster Drive.

The building work will probably be allowed to start on the old Cornfoots site as long as requirements involving affordable housing, provision for older people and environmental issues are successfully negotiated.

Five people objected, saying building work would be noisy and the building intrusive.

Village's energy summit

THE village of Bridge has launched its very own answer to questions faced by global leaders at the Copenhagen summit.

Villagers have formed the Bridge Energy Saving Team to combat energy costs and environmental damage by gathering and sharing information.

The group's inaugural open afternoon will be on Saturday, December 12 in Bridge village hall between 2.30pm and 6pm.

The group aims to learn about and advise on cutting energy use, recycling, car sharing, bicycle routes and reducing water consumption.

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Father's grief becomes a cry from the heart

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A GRIEVING father has written a book about coping with the death of his teenage son and the tragic suicide of his ex-wife who could not face life without her boy.

In his book, *Losing James – A Father Cries Too*, Michael Bollom gives a candid account of how he dealt with the double tragedy that tore his world apart.

The 50-year-old, from Bearsted, near Maidstone, recalled the moment on December 4, 2005, that he found out his 16-year-old son James was dead.

"I felt a complete numbness," he said. "My life fell apart. I didn't really know what was going on for those first few months."

James was killed in a car crash in Watlington, near Maidstone, a month short of his 17th birthday. He had been a passenger in a speeding car that went out of control and hit an oncoming vehicle.

Mr Bollom, a director of a manufacturing company in Sittingbourne, said: "James died instantly. His side of the car took the full impact of the crash. Losing someone through the fault of somebody else feels even worse."

"The driver was done for dangerous driving and was sentenced to two years and three months in prison, but some of that was spent on probation. The penalty didn't seem to take into account that a life was lost."

But things got worse for Mr Bollom when, just three months after the fatal crash that killed his son, his ex-wife Samantha took her own life.

"She couldn't cope with life without James," he said. "They had a very good relationship; they were best friends. She just couldn't go on without him."

James shared his time between his parents, but spent the majority with his mother.

Mr Bollom said: "Samantha and I had a good relationship. When she died it was like reliving the whole experience of James's death again."

Asked whether he had considered suicide himself, Mr Bollom said: "When you lose a child, of course you think, 'What's the point?' But I was fortunate to have a strong network around me, including my wife of ten years. But Samantha felt she couldn't carry on."

In his book, Mr Bollom talks about how he sought solace in the spiritual realm through a medium. He admitted that prior to the



HAPPIER TIMES: Teenager James was the best man at his father's Michael Bollom's wedding



LONE BURDEN: Mr Bollom on James's memorial bench

tragedy he was sceptical about spiritual life, but now believes he would not have got through his grief without it.

"It was able to show me that no matter what, James is always there," he said.

"There were things the medium knew that were so accurate, things only James and I would know. I talk about this in the book, but only as my opinion. I don't want to preach to people about how to deal with their grief."

A main factor in Mr Bollom's book is that it deals with the grief of a father.

"It is rare for a book like this to be written by a man," he said.

"Most are written from a female perspective, but I think it's very important to see that fathers suffer too."

"They have to carry on and be strong for others and in a way they have a harder job because they are trying to deal with their grief while carrying on as normal. It's hard to see a mother grieving for a lost child, but at times fathers are somewhat forgotten when their grief is just as bad."

"No parent should have to bury a child."

Money raised from sales of the book – which took 15 months to write – is going to a charity to help people dealing with bereavement. Mr Bollom said he was looking into which charity to choose.

He added: "I miss James, we were close. He was best man at my wedding. He was always smiling and liked by everyone. There were 450 people at his funeral, all of different ages."

"Writing this book has helped me cope with his death. I hope it will help others who have lost someone close."

• *Losing James – A Father Cries Too*, is available at £799 by contacting Michael Oke at Bound Biographies on 01869 232911. Alternatively, email mike@boundbiographies.com.



Stargazers aim to reclaim the night

DARKNESS at night is one of the things that defines the countryside, but that is rapidly declining and with it our views of the stars and planets.

For eight years Anton Vamplew worked at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich. He now runs Planetarium Earth, a company dedicated to space and astronomy, from his home in Langton Green, near Tunbridge Wells.

He said: "Responsible councils are getting better with their policies for preventing light pollution, but we have a long way to go."

"Security lighting is a concern. I understand the need, but with a little effort the searchlights on private property, public buildings and business premises can be scaled down and reflected not to embrace the sky. It is a matter of education."

"Campaigning has made a difference in some areas, but towns and cities will never get the views of the skies at night back."

Trevor Cannon, of the Mid Kent Astronomical Society, is among those campaigning for the return of dark skies.

Deterioration

He said: "Over 30 years' study I have seen a big difference in the clarity of the sky at night. There has been a dramatic deterioration. We have to curb both light and air pollution. There is law, but no-one seems to be imposing it."

Already the heart of the Milky Way is blotted out for more than half the UK population and the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) has data from satellites showing the light pollution is spreading.

Michael Smith, professor of astronomy at the University of Kent, said: "More than 300 megawatts of power is wasted skywards from UK street lights and the annual cost is £100 million."

It seems that many are still unaware that intrusive lighting is, since 2006, by law a statutory nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act. Exterior light emitted from premises that is prejudicial to health or a nuisance is a criminal offence. The CPRE campaign would like to see it used to raise awareness with discussion and mediation in the first place rather than court action.

They also point out that the law clearly cites lights from premises so street lighting is ruled out, but they urge people to report other bad examples that are causing damage to environmental health officers.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

STEPHEN SULLIVAN



Q What is the strangest club night you have organised, and how did it go down?

A One of the weirdest nights recently was a Mad Hatter's Tea Party which was a night based on Alice in Wonderland. We went to charity shops buying old china tea sets and had an area of the club laid out with tables and chairs like a tea room where party-goers could drink tea and eat biscuits.

We had a lot of performers working that night, from a giant rabbit to the Mad Hatter himself. I think an idea is only strange when no one else takes part; thankfully the Studio 41 crowd always dress up and get involved.

I think there were about a dozen Alice in Wonderland outfits in the building that night.

Q What is the most successful night you have organised?

A We recently launched a student night called SOAP. We wanted to surprise everyone and launch it very quickly. We had seven days to tell everyone about the launch party and let them know we were going to be running every Monday.

On opening night I was so nervous no one would show up, but by the time we opened we had over a thousand people waiting outside wanting to come in; way more than we could even fit into the building!

I remember standing outside and thinking that I probably do have one of the coolest jobs in the Canterbury.

Q How did you get involved in what you do?

A I became a DJ from having a massive love of music. I have no actual musical talent; I can't sing and can barely even play the piano. I was never going to be in a band so playing music to a crowd and being part of it that way seemed like the next best thing.

Organising themes and performers that fit with the music I play is the bonus part of it for me. As long as I can keep working in music I think I will be happy.

Q What do you think of Canterbury's club scene?

A Some people say there should be more clubs in Canterbury but I believe it is about quality not quantity. Canterbury has some quality weekly events. In some ways it is small but perfectly formed, because I think there are just enough places to visit without the city being overrun.

Q Do you think Canterbury is accepting of gay people?

A It is a very diverse city. When I first got the call asking if I would DJ at a new gay night I never thought it would last. I think the fact we are still going is testament enough to how a gay night has been accepted by the wider community. Anyone with the right attitude is welcome regardless of sexuality and I think the vast majority of Canterbury clubbers have

ventured into Girls And boYs at some point.

A lot of places similar to Canterbury have gay nights but they are tucked away on week-nights rather than a Saturday. I think Studio 41 have done a great thing by allowing a specialty audience such a prominent night.

Awareness and understanding leads to acceptance and I feel Canterbury is definitely a better place because of the outlet the club provides.

Q What have you got planned?

A There will be some big changes in 2010. After nine years Friday night events at Studio 41 (also known as Time Tunnel) will be closing after Christmas. There will not be a replacement night; Studio 41 will be closed on a Friday for the foreseeable future.

I am sad to see such a long-running night close its doors but everyone felt like the time had come to move on. It will remain a weekly event until the very last Time Tunnel on Friday, December 18 and we will be making it very special. Both Girls And boYs and SOAP will remain open and will be back bigger than ever for 2010.

We do have one exciting project in the pipeline, but I can't reveal too much about it yet. Let's just say it is something unusual which has never been done before and will have a huge positive impact for Canterbury as a whole. When I have finished all the finer details I will let you know!

Q & A

The DJ and party organiser for Girls And boYs talks to reporter **Jenny Armstrong** about the scale of clubbing in Canterbury, how the gay night has paid dividends for the city, and his plans for future events

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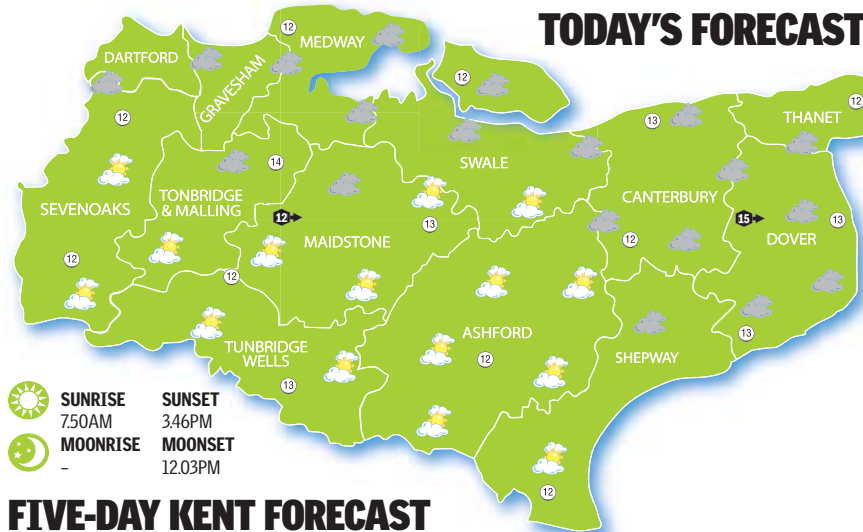
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Ramsgate	Saturday	7:49am	4.5m
	Sunday	8:49am	4.6m
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Fewer stops and higher costs the price of speed?

HIGH speed trains might cut journey times from Canterbury to London this weekend, but not everybody is happy.



Commuters groups say the new fast lines to St Pancras will hit thousands of travellers because there will be fewer stops to the popular London Cannon Street.

FULL SERVICE: December 13

From Sunday, December 13, the high speed train service promises to cut train times for travellers, with travel between Canterbury and St Pancras taking only an hour.

But commuters travelling from Canterbury East and West to London will suffer from 18 lost stops, including 13 less trains stopping at London Cannon Street and five less stops to London Bridge.

The alternative to these will be to continue to St Pancras, but not without the extra cost.

High speed trains are more than a third more expensive than current conventional lines. Normal rail lines are also set to see a rise in ticket cost of more than five per cent.

Jo James, chief executive of the Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said: "The high speed rail line is a great opportunity and is as significant as the opening of the Channel Tunnel."

"There will be opportunity for businesses to relocate out of London and boost the local economy. It will be much easier for people to commute to London also."

But she conceded that commuters to Cannon Street may be displaced. She said: "In an ideal world all would be right but there are still some problems with the Canterbury service to Cannon Street."

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Chatham	10°C	13°C	10°C	8°C	8°C	Ramsgate	10°C	12°C	10°C	9°C	8°C
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Afghanistan: a soldier's tale

How a Kent TV journalist brought an Army Captain's memoirs to life

■ BY NICK AMES

TWO of the most highly regarded books to come out of the conflict in Afghanistan recount the experiences of Captain Doug Beattie of the 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles.

The Military Cross holder first put together an account of a ferocious battle against the Taliban to retake the town of Garmsir called *An Ordinary Soldier*.

The News of the World called it "exhilarating, bloody, moving and terrifying" while The Sunday Times said it was "a riveting read".

The follow up "Task Force Helmand" describes Capt Beattie's return to the warzone in the role of mentoring and training members of the Afghan National Police and Afghan National Army.

But for a chance encounter in 2006 underneath a camouflage net while waiting for a Hercules transport aircraft out of the British base Camp Bastion and the prompting of Capt Beattie's wife Margaret, neither book would have seen the light of day.

The man with the task of turning the Northern Irish officer's notes and memories into bestseller material was Philip Gomm who met him while waiting to return to the UK after working as a cameraman in the combat zone.

Mr Gomm, a former reporter with Meridian TV, who lives just outside Ashford, said: "I'd been filming for the ITV regions which include Meridian and I was on my way home.

"I was waiting for a flight while sitting next to a chap with a battered and bruised face. It looked as though he had been involved in something very serious.

"We got talking and it turned out he'd fought a battle to retake Garmsir which should have lasted two days but he was actually there for two weeks. Like all Irishmen he told a good story.



ORDINARY SOLDIERS?: An image from Captain Doug Beattie's new book, showing soldiers capturing a Taliban suspect and, right, journalist Philip Gomm reporting from Westminster

"And it wasn't just about Afghanistan. Doug had guarded ex Nazi leader Rudolph Hess in Spandau Prison and been a Regimental Sergeant Major under Iraq hero Tim Collins.

"I said to him that during my 40 years of life I'd wanted to write a book but it had never happened as I'd never found the right subject. "Then I said that today looking at you I've found someone who I know people will find interesting – because I certainly do."

The pair exchanged contact details and Mr Gomm thought that well could be the end of any contact.

But six months later he got an email from Capt Beattie.

"It turned out that when he got home, back to Northern Ireland, Doug found he could not talk about his experiences to his wife – but he started to write them down so she could read them," said Mr Gomm.

"It was she who suggested he contacted the person who had said he was interested in writing a book so I got a whole load of documents and notes to look at.

"Doug is so candid, honest and emotional he is a dream for a writer. You don't have to prise things out. He didn't mind admitting he had cried and had nightmares about what he had seen and done.

"In a broader way it was beneficial and cathartic for him to get things out. Other soldiers returning from combat don't have that outlet and can bottle up things. Five or ten years later that can cause real problems."

Three agents expressed interest in the book as did five publishers and it ended up selling – to date – around 60,000 copies.

Capt Beattie was all set to leave the Army but then received a phone call.

"This was in 2008 and his commanding officer asked him to train some of the younger recruits and work with Afghan police and soldiers," said Mr Gomm.

His experiences have just been published in a second book, in collaboration with Mr Gomm.

It recounts 50 major engagements with the Taliban and horrific incidents such as the death of a child by a British mortar shell and how Afghan soldiers – working alongside UK forces – murdered a Taliban prisoner.

It also recounts Afghan soldiers displaying the body parts of a suicide bomber as a warning to other insurgents.

Mr Gomm said: "I feel that Doug got harder on his second tour. The first time he took a life – in 2006 – it affected him deeply but he got hardened to it."

Capt Beattie is now retired from the Army but is still active in the Territorials and the British Legion in his home town of Portadown.

He said: "I wrote what I wrote honestly from a soldiers' point of view and Phil – who has never served in the military – did a brilliant job of turning it into a language people could understand."

An Ordinary Soldier and Task Force Helmand are available through Simon and Schuster publishers, priced £17.99.

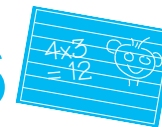
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BREAK TIME

Discovery centre open for activities

ST ANSELM's school opened its newly refurbished discovery centre this week.

The centre has been revamped to allow students, families and the communities to use it for all manner of activities.

The Sheriff of Canterbury attended the opening ceremony, which took place on Friday, December 4.

The school had been awarded a grant of £15,000 to refurbish the centre, allowing pupils to use the space for cinema, digital photography and yoga clubs during school hours. The space can be used for other activities when pupils have gone home.

And the new design was devised by St Anselm's students, who also decided what the building would be used for after the refurbishments were finished.

School's first panto has happy ending

THE first ever pantomime at St Edmund's school was held earlier this week.

More than 25 pupils between the ages of five and eighteen have put on a production of Beauty and the Beast.

The rehearsals were planned to allow the children to keep up to date with their studies. Mark Sell, the director of drama at the school is very proud of what they have achieved.

Mr Sell, who is also a professional pantomime director, said: "True pantomime is a very tough genre to perform effectively and I am exceedingly proud of my cast's work ethic over the last couple of months."

Student is a winner after being Lord Mayor for a day

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

A STUDENT has impressed the Lord Mayor with ideas to help young and old people as part of a competition.

Lord Mayor Harry Cragg visited the Spires Academy in Sturry earlier this month to give 12 year old Samantha Groombridge a certificate and an iPod shuffle for coming second in the council-run competition.

As part of Local Democracy week youngsters between 10 and 18 years old were asked to write a short essay on what they would do if they could be Lord Mayor for a day.

In her essay Miss Groombridge said she wanted better care for the elderly. She said: "I have seen stories in the news about how staff from some care homes have treated elderly people badly and ignored them when they needed help with feeding, dressing and washing."

"I said that I would like to see more help for the elderly and that they should always be treated with respect."

The Year 8 student also suggested tackling graffiti by allowing talented artists to display their work in special areas in parks. She said this would stop young artists defacing walls and bridges.

Emily Hollis, head of citizenship studies at the Academy, said: "I am very proud of Samantha's achievement."

"She has put what she has learned in Citizenship classes into action by sharing her ideas for a better society and her work shone



CONGRATULATIONS: 12 year old Spires Academy student, Samantha Groombridge, is given an iPod by Mayor Cragg

out above other entries from across the district."

Miss Groombridge was presented with her prize on Thursday, November 26. She said: "I feel really happy to have received this award from the Mayor of Canterbury."

"I wasn't expecting to win anything. I just

wanted to put down my ideas about how I would make things better if I were Lord Mayor."

The council ran the competition, won by 16-year-old James Brewster from Whitstable, to get young people involved in local democracy and the work of the council.

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Are new NHS treatment cash cards the healthy choice for us?

WHEN I go to the shop to buy breakfast cereal, I want a choice.

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Actually, they may have been banned now... the point is, I have a choice, and that's just great. Choice is a popular thing; it allows us to assert our individuality through the medium of humorous ring tones, for example.

In fact, having a choice, a say in who runs our country, is what our great democracy is built on.

But is it always good to have a choice? Kent has been picked, along with some other counties, to pilot an NHS scheme which could take choice too far.

The plan is to issue patients a cash card, loaded with x thousand pounds they can

spend on health services of their choosing.

The pilot is being run with pregnant women, who will be asked to pick what they want to spend their birth-budget on, instead of those meddling, fully-qualified, experienced professionals doing it for them. Fantastic!

But do pregnant women really need to feel in control of their own health budget? I would assume they already have quite a lot to think about, let alone taking on a temporary unpaid job as an NHS finance manager.

Not being pregnant, or indeed, a woman, I don't know. But what I do know is that if I am ill, particularly if it is something serious, I just want to go somewhere and be cured.

I don't want to choose my own treatment. I want a doctor to do that, because he is rather more likely to know what he's doing.

Yet if the pilot is deemed a success, then the cash cards could be rolled out for other groups – cancer patients, the elderly, the terminally ill.

Professional medical staff have already lined up against the plan, with both the Royal College of Midwives and the King's Trust

arguing that similar schemes in Europe have led to misspent money which does nothing to improve patients' health.

Some groups, the young, the old, the mentally ill, may not be in the best position to correctly judge what treatment they need.

And aside from the practical issues, there are serious moral questions here too.

Who is ultimately responsible if the patient makes the wrong choice? The type one diabetes sufferer who decides to trust in homeopathic charlatans instead of taking insulin injections? Is it their fault their condition deteriorates?

Sometimes choice is not what we need. Breakfast cereal? Yes. Elected representatives? Yes. Ringtones? If you really must.

But when we are ill we just need to be confident we are getting the best care possible, wherever we go, without the added stress of balancing a budget.

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TALK TIME

JACQUI BARHAM

The Ann Summers saleswoman talks about how the company has benefited from the credit crunch and the perks of the job.



Tell us a bit about yourself.

I'm J45, I live on the Isle of Sheppey, and I have been an Ann Summers Unit Organiser for 13 years. I hold parties and recruit new team members for the whole of Kent.

Why did you want to become an Ann Summers Rep?

My son Brett was three and I was looking for an evening job that enabled me to be at home with him during the day. I saw a TV programme about working for Ann Summers and I applied straight away. It has fitted in great with being a mum, no childcare worries during school holidays and the company car has been a bonus.

Tell us about being named the Ann Summers Unit Organiser of the Year?

I won Unit Organiser of the Year in 2003, 2004, and 2005. This goes to the team that produces the most revenue during the past 12 months. Our prize is a luxury holiday – we chose Florida twice and Gran Canaria.

How has the credit crunch affected Ann Summers?

Our business has benefited positively from the credit crunch, it seems that 'staying in' is the new going out. Girls seem to be choosing to have friends round for an Ann Summers party instead of going out. Our sales and bookings are up on last year. We also have lots of new ladies joining to help with their family finances.

How can people find out Ann Summers?

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YOUR LETTERS

Councillors' bid to restore funds for elderly fails

BY JENNY ARMSTRONG
A BORDY council meeting has...

Cuts inevitable, but in the right places

It's good to see people are standing up to the council's proposed budget cuts, but I think everyone should bear in mind that the supply of money isn't infinite.

While I agree that some of the measures proposed are not the right way to go, I understand that there have to be some cuts.

Everyone will have their corner to fight in this, but wherever possible I think we should look at the options as objectively as possible and make a decision based on that, rather than knee-jerk emotional reactions.

Is it value for money? Is it well used? Could it be done better or cheaper? These are all questions we should be asking.

Jeremy Harris,
Canterbury

Gear faults not the end of wind farms

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Windfarm's faulty gearing, I urge people who might be dubious about the merits of wind power not to jump to conclusions.

Despite the problems, the farm is still generating energy, but the main point is that these large

wind farms are still fairly new technology which needs to be refined, in the same way fossil fuel generation has been, over a number of years.

This is simply an engineering problem which can be solved.

It does not mean that wind farms are a waste of time or money. Indeed, they are one of the most important ways in which Britain will cut its carbon footprint over the next few years.

Gerald Heath
Whitstable



We can't afford to welcome refugees

While feeling sympathy for refugees in Calais, I do not see why we should be an open door for anyone who wants to live here.

How long will we have to pay people on benefits before they can find work?

Our National Health has more and more money every year poured into it to cope with people who come here.

Unaccompanied children should not be allowed into the country, they would be better off in their own country with their families to care for them.

Why do we not help with accommodation, infrastructure, schools etc in countries over the first safe border?

They should be refused unless they can show they will be able to work and care for themselves.

Pat Moore, comment posted on
www.yourcanterbury.co.uk

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• If we were an open door, wouldn't these people simply be able to get the train or ferry like everyone else? We don't have an open door. People get here in secret, despite the millions that are spent policing the crossing.

Bob, comment posted on www.yourcanterbury.co.uk

• I would like to take the opportunity to reply to some of the comments made about Kent Refugee Help's support for refugees living in Calais.

I'd just like to point out how hard it can be to claim asylum in many countries of Europe, even if people want to.

The question of why refugees seem to want to come to England is a complex one but is certainly connected to our reputation in the world as a major economic and political power as well as being a country where it is possible for some migrants to achieve a better life.

In my view we not only have a responsibility to many of the migrants at our borders but we should take pride that the UK is still seen as a place where people can find a welcome and can contribute to our society.

Refugees and other migrants are often presented as being a burden on our society – the reality is quite different; their energy and drive

contributes vastly to our economy and as most migrants are young and healthy they do not need or use the health service to any great extent.

No asylum seeker is allowed to work however and the government supports them at a rate well below income support until their case is concluded – something that may take a period of years.

The piece also includes some factual inaccuracies about KRH – we have not received any money from the UN to support our work in Calais. The second inaccuracy is the frankly bizarre suggestion that we are drumming up business!

You imply that supporting refugees is making us a good living. KRH, like so many groups supporting disadvantaged groups, is very small, and most of us work unpaid. More importantly we, like most charity groups, are working to put ourselves out of business.

It is a pleasure to have this chance to tell people a bit more about ourselves. The Kent Refugee Help, like other local organisations such as the Dover Detainee Support Group and the Kent Refugee Action Network, are keen that people understand the reality of what it is to be a refugee and we try our best to support the most vulnerable in our society.

Lucy Williams chair of Kent Refugee Help

No break for carers over the holidays

Most of us are looking forward to taking time off work and relaxing this festive season, but for the hundreds of thousands of carers in the South East, Christmas will be hard, unrelenting work, just as it has been all year long.

Carers provide round the clock care for their loved ones, often without any kind of break. Many carers become disabled themselves, as a result of the stress.

I work at a respite holiday centre for disabled people and carers called Vitalise Jubilee Lodge in Chigwell.

The guests and carers who take desperately-needed respite breaks tell me just how important a break is in their lives. Just one week a year can make the difference between coping and despair.

I would like to ask your readers to remember that carers need breaks just as much as the people they care for, and to support our vital work in the region.

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Chas plays Tap's rockney knees-up with His Band

BY SIMON ROBINSON

A COCKNEY Christmas treat will be served up in Chatham next week when Chas & His Band perform.

The trio will take to the stage at the Tap 'n' Tin for their now annual festive appearance at the venue.

It will be the first time pianist and singer Chas Hodges has played the Railway Street pub/club since bandmate Dave Peacock retired, but the legendary Londoner continues to perform the duo's most famous hits.

Fans can expect to hear classic C&D songs such as Rabbit, Ain't No Pleasin' You, Gertcha, Snooker Loopy and Margate.

The band – featuring Chas's son Nick on drums – will also perform a full Jerry Lee Lewis tribute, giving Chas the opportunity to rattle out some tales of his time on the road with the rock 'n' roll pioneer.

Chas will also be taking questions from the crowd throughout the evening.

Support on the night comes from Trouser Trumpets and Tyrannosaurus Alan.

The last two Chas & Dave Christmas gigs have featured former Libertines rocker Pete Doherty on the undercard, but there is to be no hat trick of appearances.

Videos of both Pete's and Chas & Dave's sets from 2007 are available on our website at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Tickets to this year's performance cost £12. Doors open at 7.30pm.

For more information about the venue, visit www.tapntin.co.uk.



DOWN TO CHATHAM: Chas Hodges at the Tap 'n' Tin with Pete Docherty in 2007, the Trouser Trumpets and Tyrannosaurus Alan

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Ray's hooked on panto role

Home and Away actor to leave sunny Summer Bay to play the villainous pirate in classic pantomime tale

PETER PAN



Saturday, December 12 to Sunday, January 3
Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

AUDIENCES will be hooked on the Assembly Hall's pantomime when Peter Pan opens this weekend.

The villain of the piece has travelled from the other side of the world to take part in the show, which promises to be an extravaganza of festive family fun.

Ray Meagher is best known for playing amiable Alf Stewart in Australian soap opera, Home and Away, but this Christmas he is donning the wig, coat and scary prop to play the wicked Captain Hook.

Having played Alf since the soap's very first episode in 1988, Meagher has appeared in the Guinness World Records as the longest-serving actor in a serial. His character has owned a liquor store, boat hire service, caravan park and yacht brokerage, while standing by his wife Ailsa as she suffered from depression.

Meagher began his career as a television actor before landing a number of film roles in films such as Breaker Morant, Newsfront and My Brilliant Career. His role as the villainous Captain Hook will be a far cry from all the drama of life in Summer Bay, as he enters the magical world of Neverland.

His hapless sidekick Smee will be played by Christopher Pizzey, who will be familiar to television viewers as Mr Stephen from the Basil Brush Show. He appeared as a main character in four series of the hugely popular children's programme and is currently starring in the new Planet Ajay on CBBC.

Jessica Punch plays Peter Pan, with Lucy Johnson as the charismatic fairy Tinkerbell. The role of Mrs Darling is played by Sarah Jane Buckley, who appeared as Cathy Barnes in the teen drama, Hollyoaks.

The Nitwits will be adding some acrobatic flourish to the Pirate Crew, adding yet more excitement to a pan-



tomime that promises plenty of swashbuckling, laughter and magic.

Since Peter Pan's first appearance in the 1900s, JM Barrie's creation has enchanted readers of all ages and generated a number of films, plays and pantomimes. The magical tale of the boy who never grew up remains a perennial favourite and

audiences will find themselves caught up in the Assembly Hall's captivating Neverland.

Ticket prices start at £12.50, with concessions and group rates available.

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The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £19.50. Book online at www.newmarlowetheatre.org.uk or call the box office on 01227 787787.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Saturday, December 12 to Thursday, December 17
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



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Tickets cost £13/£11 each or £50 for a Family & Friends ticket for five people. Call the box office on 01227 769075 or go online at www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.

ROBB JOHNSON

Saturday, December 12
Orange Street Music Club,
Canterbury



FOLK fans can see one of the UK's finest songwriters perform for Twilight Folk Club this weekend.

The highly-acclaimed Robb Johnson has worked with a wide variety of bands and artists, as well as being a successful solo artist.

His songs have found their way into the repertoires of a diverse number of artists, from folk legend Roy Bailey to cabaret diva Barb Jungr, while his champions in the press have been just as varied.

Mojo and the Daily Telegraph have both praised his double CD Gentle Men and Tony Benn reportedly cites Johnson's Winter Turns to Spring as his favourite song.

From pavements and pickets to the Royal Albert Hall,



Johnson has delighted audiences of all sizes. During the BBC Folk Britannia series in 2006, Johnson led the artists and audience in a rendition of the First World War song, Hanging On the Old Barbed Wire.

Other projects include

starting his own label, Irregular Records, and co-writing Woman, a biography of Yoko Ono.

The concert starts at 8pm and admission is £5. Call 01227 760801 or visit www.myspace.com/twilight-folkclub

CANTERBURY LEISURE

Enjoy a glass of wine and some great music

A CHRISTMAS cracker of an evening is on offer when Geoffrey Horton returns to the Dominican Priory in Canterbury.

The baritone will be joined by soprano Erica Eloff for the last in this year's Sunday night concerts from the Friends of the Marlowe. Tickets for the concert at 7.30pm on Sunday cost £12.50, including a glass of wine, concessions available. Call the box office on 01227 787787.

Swing along to coffee lounge for cream tea

CREAM teas and crooning can be enjoyed at Macari's Coffee Lounge in Herne Bay this afternoon.

Martin Croones will be singing a selection of swing and easy listening songs at the venue at the Bandstand from 3.30-5pm. Admission to this ticket-only event costs £10, including a cream tea. To book tickets call 01227 374977.

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Topshop finds a place in Royal town at last

DEDICATED followers of fashion will be in heaven with the new Topshop store in Tunbridge Wells.

The new store in Calverley Road opened last week and offers a great new shopping opportunity, with the mainline collections, footwear and accessories on sale over two floors. The gents do not miss out, as there is a Topman store in the basement.

Until the opening, Topshop's only store in Tunbridge Wells was shared with Dorothy Perkins.

It'll be a laugh at book launch with Harry Hill

BAFTA-WINNING comedian Harry Hill will be signing copies of his new book at Bluewater on Thursday.

Also an author and TV presenter, Hill has Kent connections and mentioned Medway on a recent edition of ITV's hugely popular Harry Hill's TV Burp. He will be meeting fans and signing copies of Harry Hill's TV Burp Book at Waterstone's from 6pm. The book is published by Ebury Press and priced at £12.99. Call the store on 01322 624831.

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Gerard now makes his own laws in Hollywood

BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

WHEN Gerard Butler appeared on screen as King Leonidas in the stylised movie epic, 300, the world sat up and took notice. The fact he was sporting little more than a loin cloth and a six-pack no doubt helped the film gross more than \$450 million at the box office, but it was also his commanding performance that got audiences excited.

Since the film's release in 2007, the Scottish-born actor has gone on to star in the romantic drama, P.S. I Love You; Guy Ritchie's gangster movie, RocknRolla; the romcom The Ugly Truth; and all-action flick Gamer.

Such an eclectic mix of roles has proven Gerard's chameleon-like quality and is one of the reasons he can now command a reported \$15 million per movie.

His box-office clout was a deciding factor in his choosing to produce, as well as star in, his latest movie, a crime thriller called Law Abiding Citizen.

"There comes a time when you get a lot more say in which movies are going to be made, so then you want to be a little more involved and get some credit for it," says Gerard, his Scottish accent still intact despite being based in Los Angeles for most of the year.

He's wearing jeans and a leather jacket, which he removes during the interview to reveal a long-sleeved T-shirt which hints at the impressive physique that made his name.

Candid, chatty and prone to swearing intermittently, he's just turned 40 but looks five years younger.



LAW ABIDING Gerard Butler stars in new film

In Law Abiding Citizen, Gerard plays Clyde Shelton, an honest, upstanding family man whose life is left in tatters when his wife and daughter are brutally murdered.

Starring opposite him is Oscar-winning Jamie Foxx who plays Nick Rice, a young and ambitious prosecutor.

When Nick cuts a deal that spares one of the killers from death row, it proves a catalyst for Clyde to seek vengeance on the legal system and everyone who has let him down.

Gerard first came across the story for Law Abiding Citizen when a script-writer cornered him and begged him to read his script.

The story may have been pretty raw but Gerard recognised its potential.

"It was two years of slowly but surely getting

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this thing going and working on the script and developing it," he says.

"I had so much to do about how the story turned out and in actual fact some of the mistakes that were made were the few areas where I didn't stand up for myself, where I felt I wish I had believed in myself more there and trusted my gut."

He catches himself before divulging what these mistakes were, although he does reveal, "positions were filled but tasks weren't fulfilled".

"That caused the movie to take a lot longer to be made and cost a lot more money than it should have. The strange thing is, when it all came together, every possibility had been analysed a thousand times over, so it felt like it made the movie stronger in the end."

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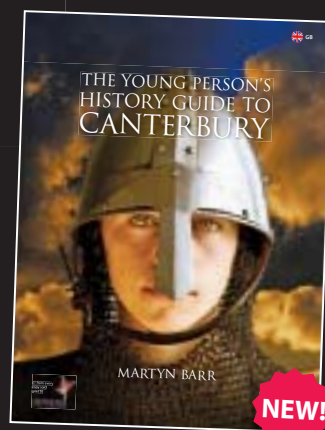


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Enjoy a Lille bit of what you fancy

■ BY SHARRON LIVINGSTONE

GARISH pink and silver curtains drew open, drums rolled and out came the dancing girls. A moment later the compeer asked the audience (in French): 'anyone here from Pas de Calais?' Hands went up accompanied by cheers. 'Étrangers bienvenus' – welcome strangers – he chuckled.

Strangers? We were enjoying a dinner/cabaret at La Palace Prestige, av du People Belge, (think mini Moulin Rouge) in Lille, located in Northern France, bordering Belgium. It's a hop and a skip from Pas De Calais and a 40-minute dash from Calais by car, yet for the Lilloise, anywhere outside the city limits is a different country.

Twenty years ago it was a run-down industrial town but a group of companies including Auchan and Le Redout funded a city-wide face-lift to reveal a quaint, cobbled, medieval city with a distinct Flemish flavour that permeates everything from local Chiti dialect ('sh' sounds and rolling 'r's), white beers that taste like Belgian Hoegaarden, estaminets (Flemish style restaurants serving rustic Flemish food) to beautiful Flemish renaissance architecture.

The best example is at Grand'Place (aka Place du General du Gaul who was born here in 1890). The 17th century Vieille Bourse is a quadrangle of 24 ornate houses surrounding a courtyard where trading took place. Note the cute chubby cherubs and saucy female forms.

Second-hand book and flower sellers gather daily beneath the cloisters while groups of chess players meet (if you fancy a game, take



AT THE CENTRE: There's plenty to see and do in France's third largest city including great food and designer shopping

a seat) for daily tournaments.

Lille – France's third largest city after Paris and Lyon – is famous for designer shopping. Hermès, Louis Vuitton and Lacoste have taken root in rue de la Grande Chaussée mingling with smaller boutiques in Lille's oldest street, rue de la Monnaie. Printemps (think Debenhams) is on rue Nationale and the soulless Euralille shopping mall by the Eurostar terminal offers 150 shops.

Eating out in Lille is a joy. Michelin starred A l'Huitrière, rue des Chats Bossus, is a favourite. At its front is a fish shop that thinks it's an art gallery – art-deco style with splendid mosaics of fishermen at work. The restaurant at the rear offers fish dishes such as its signature dish of turbot in potato crust with butter.

If it's tea-time, there's no better place than Meert patisserie, on rue Esquermoise. Its filigree interior leads the way into a coffee shop where they serve their feted waffles (gauffres) filled with sweet Madagascar vanilla. Charles de Gaulle would buy a box or two of them to present as gifts to visiting dignitaries.

You can find out more about Charles de Gaulle at the Musée Natale du Général de Gaul museum, 9 rue de Princesse. This was his former childhood home and as well as insights into what made him tick, you'll see the room he was born, his cot and even the robe in which he was baptised. Just around the corner is the St Etienne church where baby de Gaulle got to wear it.

Don't miss the Palais des Beaux-Arts at Place de la République. Second only to the Louvre in Paris, this magnificent building houses prestigious collections of paintings, sculptures and ceramics. Allow two hours to enjoy works by Donatello (in particular the Feast of Herod sculpture), Toulouse-Lautrec, Rubens, Rodin and Delacroix and the impossibly romantic The Kiss by Carolus-Duan.

Perhaps more compelling is the factory stores at L'Usine. More than 200 brands are on sale at 70 per cent off retail prices. Best buys are at the Delsey luggage store, at Valery Bijoux for discounted jewellery and watches by designers Guess, Diesel and Dolce & Gabbana.

FACT FILE: LILLE

Time difference	+1 hour
Language	French
Currency	Approx 1.1 Euro to £1
Population	1.1 million
Religion	Roman Catholic

Getting there

Getting there is easy. From London hop on the Eurostar from St Pancras, but it's for foot passengers only. If shopping is on the agenda, you will want to take your car. Sharron Livingstone traveled with P&O www.poferries.com from Dover to Calais and from there take the motorway direct to Lille.

Useful sites: www.lille-guide.co.uk; www.tourisme-nord.fr.



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PROPERTY NEWS

Builders to focus on houses as demand falls for apartments

BARRATT Developments is to focus on building houses rather than apartments, in response to lenders' preferences.

The group's chief executive, Mark Clare, says the company will build what it knows it can sell and in the case of apartments, lenders are making life difficult for mortgage borrowers by asking for deposits of 25 per cent.

The oversupply of new-build apartments in the UK's city centres has been causing problem for banks and building societies since the onset of the credit crisis, with evidence that some properties were deliberately overvalued in large-scale mortgage scams.

Downturn

Buy-to-let investors in particular were encouraged into the market and since the property downturn, some apartments have lost 50 per cent of their value.

The company has also revealed that overall its private reservation rates per site have been running 34 per cent ahead of last year.

Furthermore, cancellations were down to 13 per cent for the period July 1 to November 8 2009, compared with 23.7 per cent in the same period of 2008.

Lettings company is ready to expand its internet business

LETTINGSEARCH.CO.UK has announced it is set for further expansion across the UK's major towns and cities.

The firm, which claims to be the country's largest lettings-only portal, has secured increased funding to back a substantial expansion of its agent and tenant base over the next six months.

Established in 2002, Lettingsearch currently lists about 250,000 properties and averages more than one million tenant searches a month.

Agents can list any number of properties for a flat fee per branch, with no set-up costs or minimum period of advertising.

Furthermore, landlords approaching the site are redirected to appropriate lettings agents, providing an additional income stream for small and large agents alike.



There's light at the end of tunnel, say agents

■ BY NICK AMES

LEADING estate agents Strutt & Parker revealed a sharp drop in profits in its first results since converting to limited liability partnership status in May 2008.

Profits available to partners dropped 79 per cent from £16 million in 2008 to £3.3 million. Revenue was down by a quarter, from £86.3 million to £64.9 million.

However, the first six months of the current financial year have shown an improvement. The firm made a profit of £4.8 million, compared to £500,000 at the half-year stage last year.

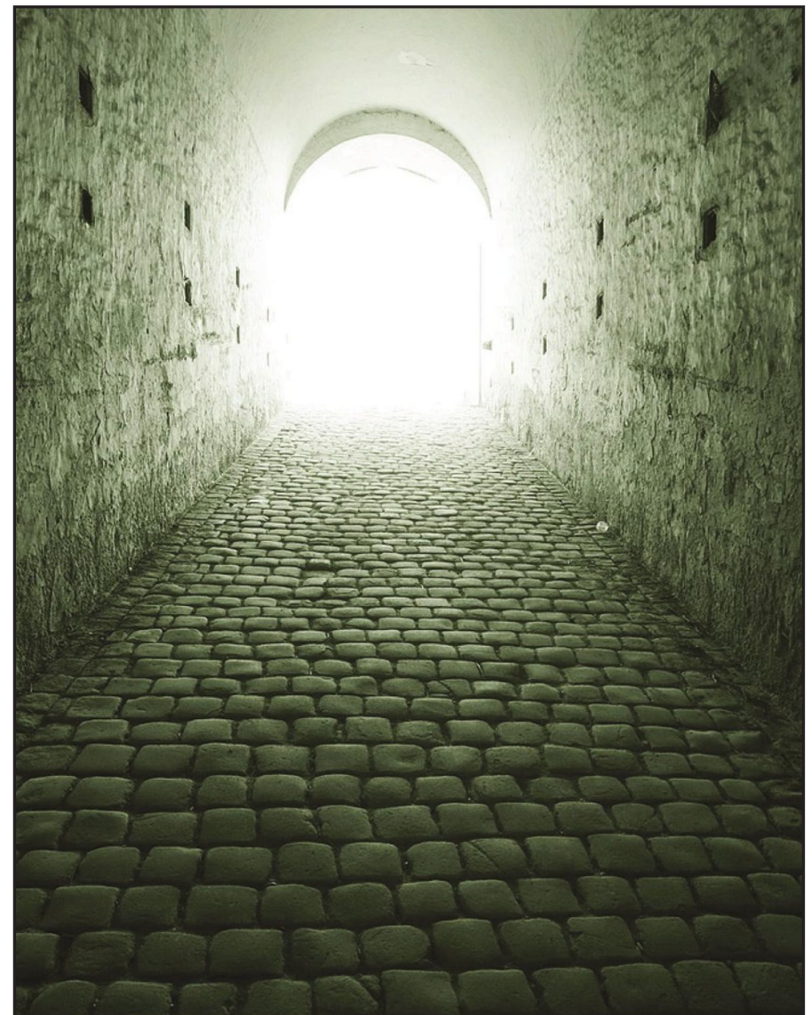
The company also says the better economy, as well as the significant saving it has made, should go some way towards recovering its performance, especially as the market appears to be regaining some level of optimism.

Senior partner Andy Martin said: "The year to April 30 we view as very much history, particularly as we have seen a good improvement in our recent results in particular the London residential team which has reported its strongest trading month ever in September."

"We, along with our competitors, faced a very tough trading environment with transactional business slowing for the last quarter of '08 and first quarter of '09. However, as with all diverse businesses, some parts performed exceptionally well whereas other parts struggled."

"Significant cost reductions and efficiencies were made during the year to adjust operating costs and these mean that as a firm we have a better platform for this market to enable us to continue to improve profitability."

"In financial terms, although it is too early to call the end of what has been the sharpest decline in values in living memory, the 2009/10 financial year has started better, with all areas of the business ahead of budgets at the six-month stage. We have maintained a high profile in our markets and have continued to build teams in important new areas of the business."



Sharp rise in empty homes 'reflects deprivation'



ACCORDING to the latest Halifax Empty Homes Survey, the number of private homes empty for at least six months soared by nine per cent during the year to April 2008.

The figure went up to 303,285, a level not seen since April 2003. The bank said the latest figures mean that 1.6 per cent of all privately-owned properties in England were empty.

Furthermore, the Halifax said when homes unoccupied for less than six months were included in the total, the figure rose to 613,270.

Properties are classed as being empty if they have been vacant for more than six months

because they are between occupants, undergoing modernisation, or in disrepair.

And the Halifax highlighted levels of deprivation were typically higher in areas that had a high proportion of vacant properties.

Suren Thiru, of the Halifax, said: "It is concerning that there are more than 300,000 private homes in England that have been empty for more than six months and the number has increased, following several years of decline."

"Often, high levels of long-term empty homes reflect relatively high levels of deprivation, low average earnings and high unemployment."

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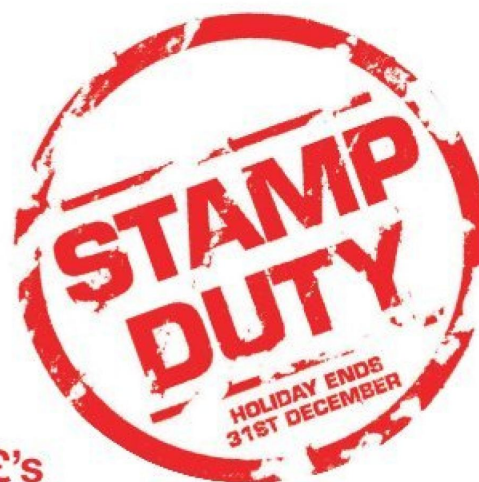
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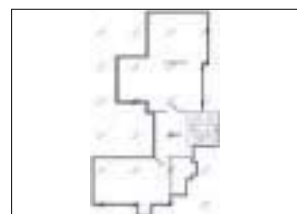


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Increase in sales sees Jaguar bounding back

JAGUAR is showing its claws again after an impressive 50 per cent leap in November sales against the same month in 2008.

The XK coupé and well-received XF saloon (pictured) led the charge with sales up 78.4 and 149 per cent respectively.

Jaguar UK MD Geoff Cousins said: "The momentum for XF just keeps on going. We have now sold more XF models so far this year, in its second year in showrooms, than we did at the same point in 2008, when we launched."



Chevy pricing sparks a great deal for New Year

SPARKS are set to fly out of showrooms early in 2010, after news that Chevrolet's new city car will be little more expensive than the Matiz it replaces.

Assuming that VAT returns to 17.5 per cent at New Year as planned, the Spark starts at £6,495, for a state-of-the-art mini motor that has just gathered four stars overall and five for child protection in the Euro NCAP safety test.

Order books open next week for Spring delivery, so look for deals on the outgoing Matiz.



Hyundai gives its Ford Focus rival 2010 update

FAST-growing Hyundai has updated its impressive Ford Focus challenger for 2010.

Still backed by the Korean brand's standard five-year warranty, the i30 five-door and estate range (pictured) features new models, more kit and lower emissions. It goes on sale on January 4 priced from £12,000.

The Classic 1.6 CRDi costs £12,950 – a £1,140 price cut for the cheapest i30 diesel. 'Stop and Go' technology is available as a special order option on i30s to bring tax and fuel savings.



KEEPING TRACK: The Outlander's drive options should outclass rivals such as the Toyota RAV4 and Honda CR-V with the added extra of locking the car in front-wheel for economy

Outlander gains firm acceptance this time

CURIOUS how two generations of Mitsubishi Outlander have suited the name in contrasting ways.

The original (2004-07) probably invented the term 'crossover' by mixing off-roader and chunky estate, but was doomed to be an 'outlander' with UK buyers – a dipsomaniac 2.0-litre petrol engine was the only power option.

However, its successor fits the Outlander name as Mitsubishi intended, suggesting suitability for life in the country or on the frontier.

It is also offered with two diesel options as well as another thirsty petrol unit, which we'll ignore after this.

The 2.0 DI-D SE (£19,999 and entry model for range) test car has a proven 140bhp VW diesel that can be coarse under acceleration, but pulls well and cruises smoothly thanks to a slick six-speed 'box.

The alternative is a 154bhp 2.2-litre and I know this is impressive too, having tried it in the Mitsi's Citroën C-Crosser and Peugeot 4007 cloned sisters.

The 2.0-litre Mitsubishi is the cheapest diesel though, starting at £19,999 and now with more standard kit.

ROAD TEST MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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Would-be Toyota RAV4 and Honda CR-V buyers should also check it out for the ace up its sleeve – a no-cost option of two extra though basic seats.

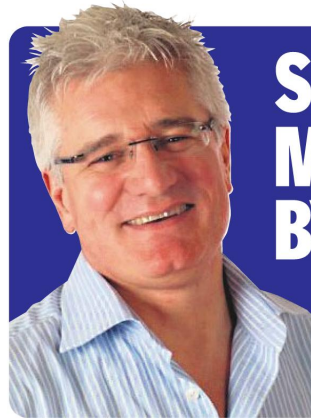
While I could not test it, the Mitsi's various drive options should outclass the above rivals in gentle off-roading too.

The driver can lock the car in front-wheel drive for economy, though this allows scrambling if you accelerate too enthusiastically on damp or loose surfaces.

So the preferred default is '4WD auto' – fixed format with most 'soft-rollers' – which is essentially front-wheel drive too, but rear wheels automatically add drive and grip if a loss of traction is sensed at the front; '4WD Lock' does what it says, locking drive to all four wheels for muddy tracks, fields or snowfalls.

Like most 4x4s though, Outlander owners will rarely ask it to flex its muscles, so simply being a classy drive is a big plus; body roll is well controlled for a high vehicle and the car grips and rides with great composure.

It is also a handy MPV too with plenty of stowage and a serious cargo area when all rear seats are folded – this is also easily loaded via a split tailgate.



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FIESTA, ECONETIC AIR CON, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering split folding rear seats tinted glass twin airbags remote central locking, morello, 3925 miles, £11200, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIESTA, GHIA, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint leather interior power steering split folding rear seats tinted glass windscreen, moon dust silver, £1500 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Tdci, 359180, ply-lined, tailgate, radio cassette, power steering, immobiliser, remote central locking, white, 16000 miles, £3695, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

FIESTA, LX 16v 3dr, kd54 hza, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cd player, radio, twin air bags, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, abs, power steering, blue, 35600 miles, £4495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Style Climate 16v 5dr Auto, la06 mxo, air conditioning, power steering, abs, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, twin air bags, blue, 29600 miles, £5995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Studio 16v 3dr, ks06 eke, power steering, abs, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, central locking, cloth upholstery, radio cassette, adjustable steering column, mauve, 23200 miles, £5495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Ghia 16v 5dr, fg02 xhu, air conditioning, power steering, abs, electric front windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, front fog lamps, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, twin air bags, alloy wheels, black, 59000 miles, £3995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Ghia 16v 5dr Auto, jm53 hmm, air conditioning, power steering, abs, remote central locking, remote alarm, front fog lamps, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, twin air bags, alloy wheels, blue, 38200 miles, £4995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 16v Ghia 5dr, en05 wkt, full leather, air conditioning, abs, power steering, front fog lamps, remote central locking, remote alarm, electric front windows, electric mirrors, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, twin air bags, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, alloy wheels, silver, 48600 miles, £5995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Freedom 16v 5dr, gj56 zkg, air conditioning, power steering, abs, cd player, radio, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote alarm, remote central locking, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cloth upholstery, adjustable steering column, height adjustable seat, twin air bags, trip computer, alloy wheels, black, 43800 miles, £5495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Ghia 16v 5dr, mk07 xrp, full leather, air conditioning, power steering, abs, rain-sensing wipers, front fog lamps, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, electric front windows, electric mirrors, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, twin air bags, auto lighting, alloy wheels, black, 20600 miles, £5995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Zetec Climate 16v 5dr Auto, ld58 fwh, air conditioning, power steering, abs, remote central locking, remote alarm, front fog lamps, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, cloth upholstery, electric mirrors, powered folding mirrors, electric front windows, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, twin air bags, trip computer, auto lighting, alloy wheels, blue, 370 miles, £3995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Fun Encore 3dr, lv51 vma, power steering, rear wash/wipe, cloth upholstery, radio cassette, air bag, white, 31600 miles, £2495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Black 16v 3dr, eo53 sva, full leather, air conditioning, power steering, front fog lamps, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, electric front windows, electric mirrors, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, twin air bags, alloy wheels, black, 50000 miles, £4995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style, 2009, abs brakes central locking electric windows power steering single cd player trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, blazer blue, 8 miles, £10899, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FIESTA, ZETEC CLIMATE, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering split folding rear seats tinted glass remote central locking quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, moon dust silver, 3218 miles, £7500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 Ghia, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags power steering trip computer twin airbags remote central locking quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, black, 21024 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, GHIA, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint leather interior power steering split folding rear seats tinted glass remote central locking quickclear windscreen, jeans blue, 17719 miles, £7600, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Style, 2007, abs brakes cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking, black, 18764 miles, £6500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIESTA, ST, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser leather interior power steering sports seats tinted glass traction control trip computer blue, 27848 miles, £7500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIESTA, ZETEC CLIMATE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser power steering split folding rear seats tinted glass remote central locking quickclear windscreen, colorado, 17000 miles, £7700, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style, 2008, air conditioning cd player drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering trip computer twin airbags remote central locking quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, vision blue, 13720 miles, £10500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style 82PS Sigma, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning cd player drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, squeeze green, 81 miles, £9000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 Ghia, 2007, air conditioning cd player drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser power steering twin airbags remote central locking, red, 14443 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec TDCi, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering trip computer twin airbags remote central locking multi functional tuneport (i-pod and mp3 connection) quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, panther black, 7892 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 Zetec TDCi, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid hot magenta, 1919 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 Zetec S TDCi, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering tinted glass traction control trip computer twin airbags remote central locking remote audio controls, colorado red, 5242 miles, £12000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 Zetec TDCi, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid traction control trip computer twin airbags curtain airbags front parking sensors remote central locking sensors remote central locking quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, squeeze green, 6873 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 Titanium TDCi, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering reverse parking aid tinted glass traction control trip computer twin airbags curtain airbags front parking sensors remote central locking auto headlights and wipers quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, hot magenta, 2718 miles, £11500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, 1.6 Titanium, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering reverse parking aid traction control trip computer twin airbags curtain airbags front parking sensors remote central locking multi functional tuneport (i-pod and mp3 connection) quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, panther black, 4642 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Titanium TDCi, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering reverse parking aid tinted glass trip computer twin airbags remote colorado red, 4790 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, 1.25 Zetec Blue, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering trip computer twin airbags remote central locking auto headlights and wipers quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, ocean blue, 13778 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Zetec (Climate), 2006, non standard colour, 18750 miles, £6630, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.2 Style, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted bluetooth car kit cd player drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid tinted glass traction control trip computer twin airbags curtain airbags front parking sensors remote central locking quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, squeeze green, 2242 miles, £10000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.2 Style, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid tinted glass traction control trip computer twin airbags curtain airbags front parking sensors remote central locking quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, tango red, 3822 miles, £10000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Style, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid tinted glass traction control trip computer twin airbags curtain airbags front parking sensors remote central locking quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, squeeze green, 3835 miles, £10500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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37 hours per week, 40 weeks per year

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Ref: P0375

Salary: £15,225 - £17,402 per annum

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KSRC Technician Ref: P0647

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Ref: P0335

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Ref: P0282

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Closing Date: Wednesday 16 December 2009

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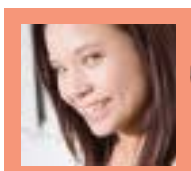


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GOOD THING GOING Professional female, 29, enjoys football, badminton, cinema & socialising, seeks fun, outgoing, honest & caring male. Leeds. Box 648195

HERE'S HOPING Blue-eyed girl, 31, friendly, outgoing, loves the outdoors and meals out, enjoys meeting new people, looking for friendship maybe a relationship. Box 875762

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IN THE CARDS Very social woman, 35, 5'3", blonde hair, green eyes, likes the outdoors, cinema, looking for friendship and more. Bradford. Box 460554

CALL ME! Single mum, 35, 5ft, blonde hair, seeking a good honest gentleman with decent values and a positive outlook for a lasting relationship. York. Box 461168

WHO KNOWS? Single mum, 35, looking for a single dad to share some time with, maybe it could be something lasting? I like cooking, socialising, outdoors. York. Box 868730

GET THE PHONE Quite attractive female, 36, 5'11", average build, blonde, enjoys live music, pub quizzes & holidays, seeks tall, dark-haired male, for all this & more. York. Box 721088

SOUND GOOD? Fun-loving female, 36, 5'4", medium build, sporty, shy, likes dogs, looking for male company. Bradford. Box 460660

ONE IN A MILLION Friendly, single mum, 5ft, brown eyes/dark hair. I like cinema, bowling, gigs nights out. Looking for a genuine bloke for friendship...maybe more later. Halifax. Box 457076

HOLD MY HAND Shy lady, 35, 5ft5, dark hair and eyes, single, likes going out, pictures, music and more, seeks similar male for hopeful romance. Box 457149

HEELS & WELLIES Honest, independent female, 37, 5'7", blonde, attractive, n/s, likes meals out, walks, country pubs, wine bars, seeks like minded male for relationship. Malton. Box 762305

SHOW ME HEAVEN Brunette, 37, green eyes, likes socialising and meals in quiet pubs, WLTm a kind and caring man, 37-45. Leeds. Box 869944

COUNTRY LOVER Hi, I'm an attractive, intelligent woman, with a wicked sense of humour. I'm 38, 5ft7, dark hair/blue eyes, and live in Bishop Auckland. Box 453919

A LADY TO LOVE Yorkshire lass, 40, a mum, blonde with blue eyes, 5ft5, medium build, loves swimming, eating out and dancing, WLTm genuine fun-loving male. Box 452268

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Bubbly lady, 39, 5ft2, medium length blonde hair/blue eyes, slim, very GSOH, loves DVDs, cinema and all music; seeks likewise male for good times...Bishop Auckland. Box 460583

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RECIPE FOR LOVE Country Durham female, 42, medium build, glasses, blonde hair. I'm a widow and would like to meet a genuine man. I enjoy cooking, swimming, shopping. Box 461220

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PUPPY LOVE? Fun loving & caring 45yr old looking for my soulmate, enjoys socialising, meals out & weekends away, looking for genuine male for friendship...hopefully more! Box 876111

HELLO! Attractive female, 43, 5ft5, brown hair/eyes, enjoy spending time with friends, looking for a tall, genuine guy, 35-45, for a meaningful relationship. Bradford. Box 462457

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SHALL WE BE SOCIAL? Slim female, 45, 5'10", blonde, enjoys dog walks, car boots, meals out & socialising, seeks male 4+, similar interests, for friendship maybe more. York. Box 972442

BY MY SIDE Brunette, medium build, brown eyes, I'm a 44yr old woman and enjoy going out, nights in, line dancing and socialising. Bradford based. Box 457198

FOR GOOD SHY lady, 44, gosh, likes line dancing, cinema and socialising, looking for a man with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Bradford. Box 873033

THIS WAY... Attractive female, 51, 5ft10, brunette, medium build, very GSOH, loves music, stand-up comedy, music, cinema and dogs! Seeks like-minded tall males for friendship/relationship. Newton Aycliffe. Box 462866

FROM ME TO YOU Loving sharing lady, 51, 5ft3, long dark hair, likes most things in life, WLTm someone special to enjoy life and fun with. Selby. Box 456493

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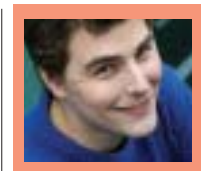
Women seeking men

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TABLE FOR TWO Attractive asian male, 42, long hair, likes good wine, keeping fit, clubbing, looking for a nice female to share nice evenings out with. Box 456746

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LET'S DO IT, LET'S FALL IN LOVE! Fun-loving 45yr old self-employed man, like football, socialising, pubs/clubs, looking for a woman who is fun to be with and knows how to enjoy life. Box 458293

NO TIME TO WASTE Active male, 44, medium build, 5'7", non-smoker, blue eyes, like meals out, a drink, seeking a woman, 30-42, for friendship, single mums welcome. Bradford. Box 460078

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STARTING AGAIN Single-parent male, 46, GSOH, genuine, likes nights in/out, seeks caring female, age/looks unimportant for long-term relationship. Shipley. Box 693447

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ENJOY YOURSELF Leeds lad, originally from Scotland. I'm looking for fun female who doesn't take life too serious. I'm 49, and I enjoy life. Box 456053

IS THAT YOU? Laid back guy, easygoing and quite attractive. I'm 50, and enjoy cinema, reading, holidays, music, WLTm honest, attractive, genuine lady in the York area. Box 459197

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SWEET LIKE CHOCOLATE Young looking 50, I'm a single, easygoing, genuine guy, no ties. I like nights in/out, sport, WLTm nice, honest woman in the West Yorkshire area. Box 460191

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YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING Level headed, broad minded, decent looking male, 53, WLTm a fun-loving, feminine female to wine, dine and woo. York. Box 867921

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FLAWLESS: Phil Gibson was in great form for Canterbury

Gibson sublime as Canterbury cruise past Barnes

Barnes 13 Canterbury 23

PHIL Gibson was in superb kicking form for the second successive week as Canterbury came from behind to beat Barnes.

The fly-half, who kicked nine attempts out of nine in the previous game against Clifton, again had a perfect record on Saturday to guide Canterbury to a third straight win in National 2 South.

Barnes came into the game with just two league wins all season, but they began brightly, taking the lead with a penalty. The visitors found a response virtually from the

RUGBY

restart. Gibson combined well with Peter Kelly to put Ben Thomas away for a try, duly converted by the fly-half.

Barnes went on to enjoy the territorial advantage before half-time and re-established their lead with a converted try which sent them in 10-7 up.

Canterbury seized the initiative after the interval and levelled the scores thanks to a Gibson penalty from near the touch-line. Barnes edged ahead once more with a

penalty of their own but tired in the final 20 minutes, allowing the visitors to strike a decisive blow.

The pressure saw Mike Melford score a try out wide, kicked by Gibson. The fly-half added another penalty and a drop goal before the end to seal victory and deny Barnes a bonus point.

Canterbury's next league fixture is on December 19. This Saturday they will play a friendly against locally-based Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders 5th Battalion, to raise money for the Help for Heroes charity. The afternoon's entertainment begins at 1.30pm.

Pictures DAVID MULLANEY



STRUGGLE: Dave Read (centre) in action on Saturday

Defeat a step back for stuttering City

Rusthall 2 Canterbury City 0

AFTER recent encouraging performances, City lapsed on Saturday and looked exactly what they are at the moment – a mid-table team.

Rusthall had beaten Dave Fairclough's side 3-1 in September but this time they were a shade flattered by a two-goal victory. The game remained scoreless until 20 minutes from the end, by which time City had done enough to think a draw would be a fair result, but confusion in their defence gave away one goal and Rusthall scored a fine second.

The home side put City under a lot of early pressure but the visitors forged the first clear chance. Royston Gough collected a long clearance but his long sprint ended with a shot into the side netting.

On balance City had the better of the first-half, but they were to suffer for their missed opportunities, with Dave Read guilty of missing the target on several occasions.

The game was tight enough to believe a single goal would decide the contest. Mark Rook had an effort from distance which grazed the bar, while Liam Whiting's lob cleared the goalkeeper but also the crossbar.

Rusthall absorbed a lot of pressure and towards the end built more of their own. A mix up in the City defence allowed substitute Chris Mearning to snatch the lead and five minutes later he doubled the advantage with a superb shot.

City responded strongly but more out of frustration than design and yet again shots blasted high and wide.

City are at home to Cray Valley this Saturday. Kick-off at Hersden is at 2pm.

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Picture: PERLAING

OPENER: Dave Cory (in red) put Whitstable in front but they couldn't hold on for a third successive victory as Dulwich Hamlet proved too strong on Saturday

No moaning from Munday after Oystermen's run falters

WHITSTABLE Town were brought down to earth with a bump as they were beaten at Dulwich Hamlet with a result that left manager Mark Munday with few complaints.

Back-to-back victories going into the game had lifted the Oystermen out of the bottom two. Goals from Dave Cory and Joe Hitchings saw them go in level at half-time, but the visitors had no answer to a strong second-half display from Dulwich, who claimed their first home league win of the season.

Munday said: "I think over the course of the game the better side won to be honest. We pushed Dulwich and made them work for it but in the second-half they had a lot more movement and pace.

"We were okay and worked hard but we were chasing the game, especially in midfield. We were outnumbered in there at times which was a bit disappointing and that won the game for them."

Munday named the same side that started the 3-0 win against Ashford Town a week earlier and they began confidently. After repelling the hosts' initial attacks, Whitstable took the lead with just nine minutes on the clock.

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD
Dulwich Hamlet 4

Kadi 32, Hickie 37, Sawyer 46, Ming 81

Whitstable Town 2

Cory 9, Hitchings 44

Gareth Cornhill swung in a deep cross which Hamlet goalkeeper Phil Wilson hesitated over whether to come out and claim, allowing Cory to rise highest and nod home.

Town defended their lead well until Hamlet got a slice of luck just after the half hour mark when Junior Kadi's shot was deflected past Kevin Fewell by Gary Sayer.

Within minutes the hosts were ahead as Kadi laid on a chance for Luke Hickie to drive in low, but Whitstable were back on level terms before half-time when Hitchings chipped in.

Town were caught cold at the start of the second-half when Frankie Sawyer netted within a minute of the restart. Hitchings almost claimed another equaliser when he unleashed a low

Whitstable starting XI


Subs used: Grant (Smith 55), Vahid (Gooding 65)

drive which was tipped round the post by Wilson, but it was a rare attacking moment for the visitors.

Hamlet finally sealed victory nine minutes from time when Sanchez Ming netted Dulwich's fourth.

Whitstable were in action last night with a trip to basement side Chipstead, log on to www.yourcanterbury.co.uk for the details. Town were expecting to hand a debut to central midfielder Kieran Morris, who has joined from Margate on a month-long loan deal.

Dean Grant has returned to Dover after completing his loan spell.

This Saturday the Oystermen face a difficult trip to promotion hopefuls Godalming Town.

Will membership price hike win Kent 'Friends'?

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

CHANGES to the membership packages at Kent ahead of the 2010 season have polarised opinion among supporters.

For the most comprehensive package – member, friend and car – supporters will now have to shell out £400, a 68 per cent rise on last year's package, although the new deal does include entrance to all eight home games in the group stages of the Friends Provident Twenty20 Cup.

Benefits

The club's new 'Friends of Kent Cricket' scheme allows supporters to build their own package with the base rate of £60 coupled with, for example, all County Championship matches covered by a £40 add-on fee.

The benefits of full membership are not available unless all the add-ons are purchased, however, and even for those supporters who pay the full £400, there is no 'country membership', which previously allowed Kent supporters entry to other county grounds.

Students have been hit hard by the changes, with membership increasing from £50 in 2009 to £150 for the new season.



PACKAGES: Jamie Clifford says new packages will give fans the chance to tailor membership to their requirements

Gate prices have risen too, with entrance to 40-over Sunday League and Twenty20 matches costing £25.

Acting chief executive, Jamie Clifford, said: "We have tried to listen to what people have been saying, and that was things like we want to see Twenty20 as part of the membership' because that is what 21st century cricket is about.

"We had to recognise that wasn't for everyone, so we have come up with the Friends of Kent Cricket scheme which allows people to tailor their own package.

"The gate prices have gone up and that means they have gone up across all areas accordingly and that's a reflection of two things – where we are priced against other sporting attractions and entertainment, so we have aligned our prices with those competing attractions.

"We have total confidence that what we offer is as good as it gets."

Meanwhile, Clifford has indicated he would like the job as chief executive on a full-time basis and hopes to prove he is the man for the role in the coming months.

He said: "Anybody who is given the opportunity that I have been given should think long and hard about the opportunity it presents them.

"With the energy, enthusiasm and vision I have for the club, I think I have a lot to offer.

"It's up to the club to determine where those skills best fit, but I want to do the job long-term, there's no doubt about that. I think it would be wrong to say any different."

FOOTBALL



BATTLE: In-form Herne Bay meet Hythe this evening

Simon says Town clash 'may not be the prettiest'

SIMON Halsey is expecting a physical contest this evening as his Herne Bay side come up against Hythe Town at Winch's Field.

Both sides still harbour title aspirations, but with Faversham Town ten points clear at the top of the Kent League, neither can afford to slip up this evening.

Halsey said: "It's a massive game, they had another draw at the weekend. Obviously we'll be looking for the three points, but it won't be easy. It will be a battle and may not be the prettiest game you'll ever see.

"Hythe still have a realistic title shot, I've tipped them to win the league for the last two seasons. Whenever you see them on the fixture list you know you're going to be in for a difficult game. We like to play football, but in every game you have to earn the right to play and we've got plenty of players who like to get stuck in."

Bay go into the game in second position despite having their home game against Lordswood called off on Saturday due to a waterlogged pitch. Results largely went their way with the two sides directly below them – Erith & Belvedere and Sevenoaks Town – losing, although Faversham's victory extended their lead at the top.

After Bay's superb victory against Erith & Belvedere the previous weekend, Halsey was disappointed not to play on Saturday but does not believe it will have an impact this evening.

He said: "We would've rather played to keep us on a run but you have to think about protecting the pitch for the rest of the season. Some of the lads played for the reserves and the rest trained, so everyone had a run out."

Stuart King played another 90 minutes for the reserves, but tonight's game comes too soon for the striker.

LEAGUE TABLES

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Folkestone Invicta	19	13	5	1	+17	44
2 Worthing	20	14	1	5	+21	43
3 Godalming Town	18	12	2	4	+16	38
4 Walton & Hersham	19	11	4	4	+9	37
5 Croydon Athletic	17	9	5	3	+19	32
6 Fleet Town	18	10	2	6	+12	32
7 Ramsgate	18	8	4	6	+4	28
8 Mersham	18	8	4	6	+1	28
9 Chatham Town	20	8	3	9	-3	27
10 Dulwich Hamlet	19	6	7	6	0	25
11 Corinthian-Casuals	19	7	3	9	-3	24
12 Metropolitan Police	18	5	7	6	+5	22
13 Sittingbourne	16	6	4	6	+2	22
14 Leatherhead	16	6	3	7	+3	21
15 Burgess Hill Town	16	6	3	7	-1	21
16 Whyteleafe	19	6	2	11	0	20
17 Walton Casuals	18	5	4	9	-7	19
18 Horsham YMCA	18	4	7	7	-12	19
19 Eastbourne Town	19	3	6	10	-11	15
20 Whitstable Town	18	4	1	13	-25	13
21 Ashford Town	16	2	5	9	-27	11
22 Chipstead	17	2	4	11	-20	10

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Faversham Town	14	11	2	1	+25	35
2 Herne Bay	12	8	1	3	+10	25
3 Erith & Belvedere	13	8	0	5	+2	24
4 Sevenoaks Town	13	6	3	4	+5	21
5 Hythe Town	11	5	4	2	+16	19
6 Beckenham Town	12	6	1	5	+8	19
7 Tunbridge Wells	14	4	7	3	+3	19
8 Erith Town	11	5	3	3	+7	18
9 Greenwich Borough	13	5	3	5	-1	18
10 Deal Town	12	4	4	4	-4	16
11 Sporting Bengal Utd	12	4	2	6	-13	14
12 Norton Sports	11	4	1	6	-2	13
13 Holmesdale	13	4	1	8	-5	13
14 Fisher	15	3	2	10	-18	11
15 Corinthian	11	2	3	6	-12	9
16 Lordswood	11	0	3	8	-21	3

KENT COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION ONE EAST

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Stansfeld O&B Club	15	10	3	2	14	33
2 Hollands & Blair	15	9	4	2	16	31
3 Fleet Leisure	13	7	4	2	10	25
4 Phoenix Sports	11	7	2	2	9	23
5 Rusthall	13	7	1	5	6	22
6 Snodland	13	6	4	3	5	22
7 Sutton Athletic	12	6	3	3	6	21
8 Canterbury City	13	6	1	6	2	19
9 Bly Spartans	13	6	1	6	1	19
10 Bearsted	13	4	5	4	0	17
11 Tunbridge Wells	14	3	4	7	-6	13
12 Lewisham Borough	15	4	1	10	-14	12
13 Coney Hall	13	4	0	9	-8	12
14 Orpington	14	3	3	8	-14	12
15 Cray Valley (PM)	12	3	1	8	0	10
16 Milton & Fulston Utd	15	3	1	11	-27	10

FIXTURES (Saturday): Ryman Division One South: Godalming Town v Whitstable Town; Kent Senior Trophy second round: Tunbridge Wells v Herne Bay; Kent County League Premier Division: Canterbury City v Cray Valley

City ladies to start bid to retain indoor league title

HOCKEY

CANTERBURY ladies begin their tilt at indoor hockey glory this weekend with the first half of their group games.

Ian Jennings' side will be looking for a repeat of last season when they topped the group phase in the Premier Division, only to be narrowly edged out in the semi-finals by Bowdon Hightown. They begin this year's campaign with games against Leicester and Ipswich on Saturday, followed a day later by Clifton and Chelmsford.

The round-robin format continues with four more games over a weekend in January, with the top four teams progressing to the knockout rounds.

Canterbury's men also switch their attention to the indoor season, where they are attempting to bounce straight back to the top flight after relegation last season. They have to wait until January before they can begin to make amends.

For the meantime they can reflect on a good start to the season which sees them top of the Conference East heading into the winter break. Player/coach Kwan Browne, whose goal is to get Canterbury back into the top flight, is happy, but not resting on his laurels.

He said: "So far I'm pleased, we've got a big squad which means we can cope with injuries. But all the teams will have seen us and figured us out a bit, so the second half of the season is going to be tough. I'm expecting a very close finish."



INDOOR: Canterbury en route to the indoor semi-finals last season

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Mark Stimson explains why the next few weeks could be crucial to his side's season



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